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SUBJECT: US POLICY IN ANGOLA

REF: CFR 52

1. THE DEPARTMENT HAS RECEIVED INQUIRIES FROM SOME POSTS REQUESTING BACKGROUND INFORMATION TO ASSIST IN DISCUSSING EVENTS IN ANGOLA WITH HOST GOVERNMENTS AND DIPLOMATIC COLLEAGUES.

2. AS A SUPPLEMENT TO CURRENT NEWS ITEMS, EMBASSIES MAY, AT THEIR DISCRETION, AND TO THE EXTENT CONSIDERED USEFUL, DRAW ON ITEM ONE OF ISSUE 52 OF "CURRENT FOREIGN RELATIONS" OF DECEMBER 24, 1975 IN SUCH DISCUSSIONS OF USG POLICY ON ANGOLA.

3. AS AN UPDATE TO THE ARTICLE CONCERNING NUMBERS OF FOREIGN PERSONNEL IN ANGOLA-WE CURRENTLY ESTIMATE THAT

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THERE ARE 7500 CUBAN TROOPS PLUS SEVERAL HUNDRED SOVIET

TECHNICIANS AND ADVISORS. WE BELIEVE THERE WERE UP TO
1000 SOUTH AFRICAN PERSONNEL IN ANGOLA BUT WE ARE NOT SURE
OF THE PRESENT NUMBER.

4. CORRECTION: THE SIXTH PARAGRAPH OF THE ANGOLAN POLICY

ARTICLE IN CFR 52 GIVES JUNE AS THE DATE THE DECISION
WAS TAKEN TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE INTO ANGOLA. THAT
SHOULD BE CHANGED TO READ JULY. KISSINGER

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